



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH      CITY OF BINGHAMTON

*Teri Rennia, City Council President*  
*Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk*

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**City Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**  
**Wednesday August 20, 2014**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order by City Council President Pro Tempore Webb at 6:37pm.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Council President Pro Tempore Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

**City Council Members Present:** Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo

**City Council Members Absent:** Teri Rennia, Bill Berg

**Also Present:** Jeremy C. Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk; Allison Sosa, Assistant Corporation Counsel

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the Business Meeting held on Wednesday August 6, 2014.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**

## **SELECTION OF CITY CLERK**

City Council President Pro Tempore Webb opened the floor to receive nominations for the position of City Clerk.

Councilman Motsavage nominated Jeremy Pelletier for the position of City Clerk, seconded by Mihalko.

Seeing no other nominations, Council members voted on the position of City Clerk by stating the name of the individual each wished to appoint to the position.

Councilman Motsavage: Jeremy Pelletier

Councilman Mihalko: Jeremy Pelletier

Councilwoman Webb: Jeremy Pelletier

Councilman Papastrat: Jeremy Pelletier

Councilman Matzo: Jeremy Pelletier

Five votes for Jeremy Pelletier were received. Jeremy Pelletier is appointed to the position of City Clerk.

## **INSTALLATION OF CITY CLERK**

City Clerk: Jeremy Pelletier.

Oath of Office delivered by Allison K. Sosa, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

## **SET PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The City of Binghamton will hold a public hearing on "An Ordinance adopting the Main/Court Street Corridor Zoning Plan" at the City Council Business Meeting held on September 3, 2014 at 6:30pm. This meeting will be held in the City



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## **PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION**

John Solak, Sean Massey, Richard Jallon, Sharon Nieminski, Edward Crumb, Jack Sheehan, Debra Hogan, Delores Smith<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Note: Delores Smith submitted the following email to the City Clerk's Office on August 20, 2014. A copy of the original letter is attached to these minutes.*

Members of City Council:

I will not be able to attend tonight's Binghamton City Council meeting. Please read the following into the record, as my public comment:

Teri Rennia and the Democrats City Council have violated the public's trust and not lived up to their oath as councilmembers. Following an email calling for political activities and espionage by the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk, sent to over 40 Democrat officials and volunteers, none of the City Council Democrats, including Rennia, sought to clear the air or send a correction email, until the email was leaked on BCVoice, according to the author of the email.

If they disagreed with the sentiment of the email they should have send a clarification immediately. Rennia is even listed as a contact person in the email, for interested parties to reach out to if they fit the unethical description of the ideal candidates laid out in the email.

Rennia's silence, prior to the email being leaked, is deafening.

Rennia has failed the residents of the city of Binghamton. It's time she finally does the right thing and step down as council president. If she is unwilling, I fully expect the other six members of City Council to vote for a new leader, one possessing real integrity.

-Dee Smith, Binghamton, NY

## **FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

### **Introductory Ordinance 14-42. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg**

An Ordinance amending § 5-7.G of the Code of the City of Binghamton, regarding the City's Investment Policy Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

### **Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-41. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg

### **Introductory Ordinance 14-43. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg**

An Ordinance amending the 2014 Insurance Fund budget to purchase additional flood insurance coverage Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

### **Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-42. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg



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**Introductory Ordinance 14-44. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg**

An Ordinance modifying the 2014 budget, increasing revenue budget line A41289 (Other Home & Community Services) and expenditure budget line A1440.54701 (Travel & Training) by \$4,400 each to reflect funds received for AutoCad training sponsored by the City of Binghamton

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-43. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg

**Introductory Ordinance 14-45. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg**

An Ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$3,000 from budget line A1440.51800 (Temporary Services) to budget line A1440.54410 (Professional Services) to fund the SWPPP review contract

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-44. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg

**Introductory Ordinance 14-46. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg**

An Ordinance authorizing a transfer in the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board 2014 budget to fund a BIOSYR Pilot Study

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-45. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia

**Introductory Ordinance 14-47. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg**

An Ordinance amending the 2014 budget to increase revenue line A.42680 (Insurance Recovery) and expense line A1440.54410 (Professional Services) by \$41,250.00 to pay for the demolition of 2 Brown Street

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-46. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg

**Introductory Ordinance 14-48. Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs Chair: Motsavage**

An Ordinance amending § 327-5 of the Code of the City of Binghamton, regarding Banner Permits

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-47. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg



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**Introductory Ordinance 14-49. Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs Chair: Motsavage**

An Ordinance amending the Banner Permit fee schedule

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-48. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg

**Introductory Resolution 14-54. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Shumaker Consulting Engineering for right-of-way (ROW) survey, mapping and appraisals for eighteen (18) temporary easements on the Chenango River Trail Connection Project, PIN 9009.24

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 14-53. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg

**Introductory Resolution 14-55. Considered in Public Works/Parks and Recreation, Chair: Motsavage**

A Resolution authorizing an agreement with I. Kruger, Inc. for a BIOSYR Pilot Study at the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant (BJCJSTP)

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 14-54. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg

**Introductory Resolution 14-56. Considered in Public Works/Parks and Recreation, Chair: Motsavage**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CRA Infrastructure & Engineering, Inc. to perform an engineering study at the Water Filtration Plant

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 14-55. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg

**Introductory Resolution 14-57. Considered in Public Works/Parks and Recreation, Chair: Motsavage**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Keystone Associates to perform Store Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Reviews

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 14-56. (Vote 5-0-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Berg



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## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Papastrat, Matzo, Berg, Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:57pm.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**